Remarks

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 are allowed. Claims 7-19 are rejected. Claims 11 and 17 are cancelled. Claims 7 and 15 are amended herein. No new matter is added. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-5.

Independent claims 7 and 15 are amended herein to incorporate allowable subject matter. Claims 11 and 17 are cancelled. No new matter is added.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account <u>50-3650</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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